

YAVAPAI- APACHE NATION



Elected Officials



Chairman: Thomas Beauty

Vice Chairwoman: Darlene Rubio

(Terms for both positions expire in 2016)

Environmental Director: David Lewis

Land Base: 636 non-contiguous acres in 3 parcels

Primary Economy: agriculture and livestock, gaming, tourism, sand and gravel mining

Population and Poverty (2010 Census): 743 residents live on the Reservation; 42% live in poverty

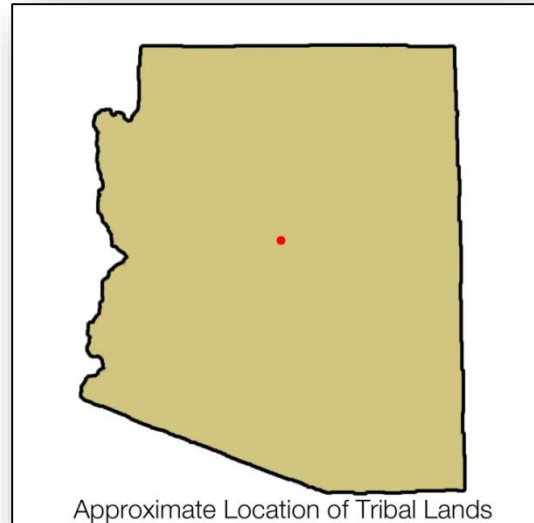
Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): 71.9% have at least a high school diploma; 5.9% have a bachelor's or graduate degree

EPA Funding (2014-2015)

GAP	\$126,230
CWA 319	\$130,000
CWA 106	\$85,000
Total	\$341,230

Safe Drinking Water Act

In 2013, EPA awarded the Tribe \$684,400 under the SDWA Tribal Set Aside Program to help fund an intertie between the Tunlii and Middle Verde water systems and a connection between Tunlii and the City of Camp Verde. The connection to the City of Camp Verde is complete. This has allowed them to shut down the Tunlii arsenic treatment plant that created so many problems. The drinking water systems are currently in compliance. Jason Gambatese (2-3571)



Clean Water Act

The Tribe receives CWA 106 funding to help implement their water quality monitoring program. The Tribe is currently using this data to develop tribal water quality standards, which will help define the designated uses of the Reservation's waters.

In 2014, the Tribe was selected to receive CWA 319 competitive funding to improve water quality in the Verde River by constructing exclusion fencing to keep livestock from impacting Verde River wetlands and riparian areas. Danielle Angeles (2-3441)

General Environmental Information

The Tribe continues to expand its environmental protection efforts under the GAP. Recent accomplishments have included the completion of a comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, community cleanup events, and growing leadership engagement at the Regional Tribal Operations Committee. The Tribe seeks to develop its first ever EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP), establish a recycling program, and expand outreach and education capacities in FY15. Erskine Benjamin II (2-3561)

Resolution Mine-NEPA

The Apache Tribes have generally opposed this proposed mine project, located 65 miles southeast of Phoenix, due to impacts to sacred sites. The National Defense Authorization Act included a land swap, which exchanged 2,400 acres of copper-containing land in the Tonto National Forest to Resolution Copper Incorporated for 5,300 acres of land scattered throughout southeast Arizona. A White House petition was led by the San Carlos Apache Chairman, but the project is likely to be of interest to all Apache tribes. The Association of American Indian Affairs has strongly opposed the project, warning in 2012 that the proposal would destroy the area's religious and cultural integrity. In early December 2014, the Society for American Archeology stated its opposition to congressional leaders. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell also expressed dismay over the land swap, noting "[I]t removes a requirement to consult with the Tribe and give them any ability to influence the outcome. And I think that is profoundly disappointing." Jewell noted that the federal government now needs to "use all the tools in our toolbox to make sure that [local stakeholders'] voice is heard and that it influences the future course of that project." In addition to sacred sites, it would impact a scenic recreation area, which was protected prior to the land exchange, and there are concerns regarding the potential use of the mining technique called block cave mining, which could create a large (1000+ acre) subsidence crater. The NEPA process has not yet begun. Karen Vitulano (7-4178)